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1. YEH Chien-ying, the Governor of Kwangtung Province, went to Peiping on 9 September 1950 on orders from LHO Tse-tung, to discuss aid to the Viet Minh with high ranking authorities there. YEH returned to Canton on 16 September.
2. On 20 September 1950, YEH presided over a meeting attended by LIANG Kuang (梁廣), LI Chiang (李強), HSIEH Wang-kang (謝王鋼), and CHENANG Tien' (莊 岷)*. This meeting was convened to discuss military and political matters relative to the China-Indochina frontier, including the supply of arms and ammunition to the Viet Minh, the acceleration of political education, and the unification of all local forces along the border.
3. The following is the disposition of military forces in the Tonkin-South China border area:

Kwangtung-Indochina. Forces on the Kwangtung-Indochina border include 16,650 Chinese Communists and 2,200 Viet Minh army troops, under LIANG Kuang, HSIN Jang-kang, and a Vietnamese, Chu Van Ton**. The headquarters of the mixed border command is at Leichou (110-05, 20-55), and comprises the following sectors:

- a) Leichou, with division headquarters at Leichou; Chinese Communist 6-12 Regiments.***
- b) Hopu (111-11, 23-16) and Chinchou, with division headquarters at Peihai (109-05, 21-24); Chinese Communist 13-17 Regiments.
- c) Fangcheng (108-33, 21-46) and Tunghsing (107-50, 21-33), with division headquarters at Fangcheng; Chinese Communist 18-20 and 26 Regiments; 1, 2, and small 3 Viet Minh Regiments.

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Kwangsi-Indochina. Forces on the Kwangsi-Indochina border include 14,530 Chinese Communists and 6,230 Viet Minh troops, under LIANG Ho (梁合), and a Vietnamese, Li Ping Xuyen. The headquarters of the mixed command is at Lungchou (106-56, 22-22). Headquarters of the sectors under this command are at:

- a) Mingchiang (107-11, 22-09); 25, 27, 28 Chinese Communist Regiments; 6 small Viet Minh Regiment.
- b) Lungchou; 29-31 Chinese Communist Regiments; 4 and 5 small Viet Minh Regiments.
- c) Dongquang (not located); 32 and 33 Chinese Communist Regiments; 7 small Viet Minh Regiment.
- d) Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09); 34 and 35 Chinese Communist Regiments; 3 small Viet Minh Regiment.
- e) Tsengpien (not located); 36 and 37 Chinese Communist Regiments; 2 small Viet Minh Regiment.
- f) Soc Giang (106-01, 22-54); 1 and 8 small Viet Minh Regiments.
- g) Quang Uyen (106-26, 22-41); 1-12 large detachments, each including about 300 men.

Yunnan-Indochina. Forces on the Yunnan-Indochina border include 12,550 Chinese Communists and 2,700 Viet Minh troops under CHUANG Tien, CHU Chia-pi****, and a Vietnamese, Duong Van Thuy. The headquarters of the mixed border command is at Makuan (104-20, 23-02), and comprises the following sectors:

- a) Tienhsi, with division headquarters at Mengtzu (103-23, 23-20); 22, 23, 38, 39, and 42 Chinese Communist Regiments.
- b) Tiennan, with division headquarters at Makuan; 26, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45 Chinese Communist Regiments; 1, 9, and 10 small Viet Minh Regiments.

25X1X * [REDACTED] July 1950, CHUANG Tien, was in Indochina, acting as military advisor to Ho Chi Minh.

25X1X ** [REDACTED] lists Chu Van Tan, as commander of the Viet Minh military Intersector I.

25X1X *** [REDACTED] Comment. Regiment numbers have been reported as received. As there was no indication as to the Army Groups to which these Regiments belong, it is possible that these designations have been used by the source simply to identify the number of regiments in the area. Each regiment comprises from 700 to 1,200 troops; most have from 900 to 1,100. Small regiments consist of from 600 to 1,000 troops; most have about 700.

It will be noted that source includes Chinese Communist forces in the Leichou Peninsula in his enumeration of troops on the Kwangtung-Indochina border area. The number actually concentrated along the frontier is therefore smaller than that reported.

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25X1X **** [REDACTED] Comment. CHU Chia-pi is reported [REDACTED], as second-in-command to CHUANG Tien.

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